

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Lorraine Harriet Rasmussen was born on the family homestead in Norway Township, Turner County, South Dakota, on October 23, 1914; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Lorraine married Earl Rasmussen on Christmas Day 1945, after Earl returned from serving in the South Pacific, and gave life and love to three children: David, John, and Mark who in turn blessed them with nine grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Lorraine often rode her horse "Daisy" across the pastures to school and enjoyed life even during the depression when friends and neighbors gathered to enjoy each other's company; and,

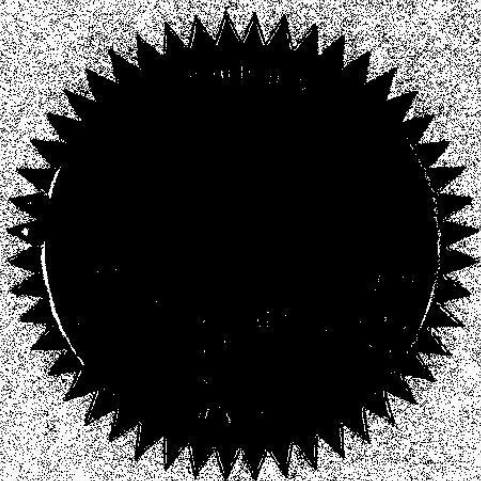
*Whereas*, Lorraine lives in Hurley across from the park, her house has a lot of activity with grandchildren stopping by after school or relatives dropping in for coffee after church, which Lorraine thoroughly enjoys; and,

*Whereas*, Lorraine will observe her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2004, as

*LORRAINE RASMUSSEN DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State